

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 – 2:00 p.m. – Room C415 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Scott K. Jenkins, House Chair
Sen. Michael E. Noel, Senate Chair
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Carlene M. Walker
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Jim Bird
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Lynn M. Hemingway
Rep. Steven R. Mascaró
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Aaron Tilton
Rep. Brad Winn

Members Excused:

Sen. Darin G. Peterson
Rep. Melvin R. Brown

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Winn moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Noel, Rep. Chavez-Houck, and Rep. Mascaró were absent for the vote.

2. Utility Transmission Corridors

Senator Peter C. Knudson introduced the issue of how decisions are made regarding the selection of utility transmission corridors with seemingly little regard to the negative impact these corridors can have on local communities. He mentioned the proposed transmission line from the Ben Lomond substation in Box Elder County to the Terminal substation located near the Salt Lake City International Airport by Rocky Mountain Power.

Commissioner Clark Davis, Box Elder County, distributed and presented "Utility Corridor Planning." He pointed out the problem is that Box Elder County residents were not involved in the decisions that were made concerning the proposed transmission line's initial placement.

Mr. Paul Larsen, Brigham City Corporation, Mr. Jay Hardy, Box Elder County Commission Chair, Mayor Max Weese, Tremonton City, and Mr. Sandy Mooy, Attorney, Public Service Commission, commented and responded to questions from the Committee.

Mr. Rich Walje, Rocky Mountain Power, and Mr. Darrell Gerrard, PacifiCorp, reviewed and explained the decision process and responded to questions. Mr. Walje highlighted PacifiCorp's commitment to providing safe, reliable, and cost-effective power to Utah residents. He also committed to working with all the parties affected and to reporting back to the committee during the August interim meeting.

Mr. Kevin Boardman, Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power, distributed and presented "Populus to Ben Lomond" and "Transmission System Planning, Performance and Reliability."

MOTION: Sen. Walker moved that the Committee ask Rocky Mountain Power representatives to meet with the council of governments and citizens impacted by the proposed transmission line, to try to come to a compromise and then return and report to the Committee at the August meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mascaro, Rep. McIff, and Rep. Tilton were absent for the vote.

3. Western Climate Initiative (WCI)

Ms. Dianne Nielson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, distributed and updated the Committee on the "Western Climate Initiative."

4. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.